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GEMS IN VERSE.

OLD FAVORITES.

HOME.

But where to find that support spot below
Who can direct, whom all prefer'd to know?
The sounding tenor of the bright song
Boldly proclaiming the happiest spot his own,
Extols the treasures of his stormy seas.
And his long nights of revelry and ease.
The naked virgin, panting at the line,
Bursts of his golden seeds and panting wine,
Bursts in the glass or stems the rapid wave,
And thanks his gods for all the good they gave.
Such is the patriot's boast, where'er we roam
His first, last country ever is at home,
And yet, perhaps, if countries we compare,
And estimate the blessings which they share,
Though patriotic, bolder, still shall wisdom find
An equal portion due to all mankind;
As different good, by art or nature given,
So different nations makes their blessings even.
—Goldsmith.

SUNSET.

The moon is up, and yet it is not night.
Night divides the sky with her; a sea
Of glimmer streams along the Alpine height.
Of blue Petrol's mountain; heaven is free.
From clouds, but of all colors seems to be
Melted in one vast iris of the west.
Where the day joins the past eternity;
While, on the other hand, mock Diana's crest
Floats through the sunlit air, an island of the
west.

A single star is at her side and reigns
With her over half the lovely heaven, but still
Her sunless heaven brightly and remains
Bathed o'er the peak of the far Iberian hill,
As day and night contending were until
Nature reclaimed her order; gently flows
The deep eyes' brooks, where their blue mistle
The dolorous purple of a newborn rose
Which streams upon her stream, and gladdens with
In it glows.

Filled with the face of heaven, which, from afar,
Comes down upon the waters, all its hues,
From the rich sunset to the rising star,
Their magical radiance diffuse,
And now they change; a pale shadow creeps
Re mantle o'er the mountains; parting day
Dies like the dolphin, whom each pang induces
With a new color as it gapes over,
The last still livid, till 'tis gone—and all is
gray.
—Byron.

Soliloquy on Immortality.

Friends—Cats, sitting in a thoughtful posture
With Plato's book in the "Immortality of the
Soul" in his hand and a drawn sword on the table
by him.]
It must be so. Plato, thou reasonest well!
Else whence this pleasing hope, this fond desire,
This longing after immortality?
Or whence this secret dread and inward horror
Of falling into naught? Why shrinks the soul
Back on herself and startles at destruction?
'Tis the divinity that stirs within us;
The heaven itself that points out a hereafter
And infinites eternity to man.
Eternity! Then pleasing, dreadful thought!
Through what variety of untried being,
Through what new scenes and changes must we
pass?
The wide, the unbounded prospect lies before me,
But shadows, clouds and darkness rest upon it.
Here will I hold. If there's a power above us
(And that there is, all nature cries aloud)
Through all her works, he must delight in
creation.
And that which he delights in must be happy,
But when or where? This world was made for
Cesar.
I'm weary of conjectures; this must end them,
(Laying his hand on his sword.)
Thus am I doubly armed; my death and life,
My base and antidote, are both before me.
This in a moment brings me to an end,
But this informs me I shall never die.
The soul, secured in her existence, smiles
At the drawn dagger and defies its point.
The soul shall fade away, the sun himself
Grows dim with age, and nature sinks in years,
But thou shalt flourish in immortal youth,
Unborn amid the war of elements.
The wreck of matter and the crush of worlds!
—Addison.

My Country.

England, with all thy faults, I love thee still;
My country, and, while yet a nook is left
Where English minds and manners may be found,
Shall be constrained to have thee. Though thy
clime

Be bleak and thy year most pale deformed
With dripping rains or withered by a frost,

I could not see exceeding thy sultry skies
And fields without a flower for warmer France,

With all her vines; nor her Ansons' groves
Of golden boughs; nor her myrtle bowers,

To shake thy senate, and from height sublime
Or parent eminence to dash downe fire.

Upon the fire was never meant my task,
But I can feel thy tortures and partake

Thy joys and sorrows with as true a heart

As any thunderer there, and I can feel

Thy fulness, too, and with a just disdain

Frownst at elemenates whose very looks

Reflect diabolism on the land I love.

How, in the name of soldiery and sense,

Should England prosper when such things, as

smooth

And tender as a girl, all excrent o'er

With colors and as profligate as sweet;

Who sell their laurel for a myrtle wreath

And love when they should fight, when such as

these

Presume to lay their hand upon the ark

Of her magnificient and awful cause?

This was when it was praise and boast enough

In every clime and travel where we might

That we were born her children. Praise enough

To fill the ambition of a private man.

That Chatham's language was his mother tongue

And Wolfe's great cause compatriot with his own

—Owner.

Contradiction.

Ye powers who rule the tongue, if such there are,
And make continual happiness your care,
Preserve me from the thing I dread and hate—
A duel in the form of a debate.
The clash of arguments and jar of words,
Worse than the mortal brunt of rival swords,
Desire no question with their tedious length,
For opposition gives opinion strength.
Diverts the champion prodigal of breath
And puts the passively disposed to death.
Oh, thwart me not Sir Sop's at every turn
Nor carp at every flaw you may discern!
Though reflections hang not on my tongue,
I am not surely always in the wrong.
To hard it all is twice that I advance;
A fool must now and then be right by chance.
Not that all freedom of dissent I claim,
Nor there I grant the privilege I claim:
A disputable point is no man's ground;
Hear where you please, 'tis common all around.
Discourse may want an animated So,
To brush the surface and to make it flow;
But still remember, if you mean to please,
To press your point with modesty and ease.
The mark at which my poster aim I take
Is contradiction for its own dear sake.
Set your opinion at whatever pitch,
Knots and impediments make something kick.
Adopt his own, 'tis equally in vain.
Your third of argument is snapped again.
The wrangler, rather than accord with you,
Will judge himself deceived and prove it too.
Vexatious logic kills me quite;
A noisy man is always in the right.
I twirl my thumbs, fall back into my chair,
Fix on the waincot a distressed stare.
And, when I hope his blunders are all out,
Reply discreetly, "To be sure; no doubt!"
—Copper.

The Ends of Life.

A good that never satisfies the mind,
A beauty failing like the April flowers,
A sweet with floods of gill that runs combined,
A pleasure passing ere in thought made ours,
An honest that more facile is than wind,
A glory at opinion's frown that lowers,
A treasury which bankrupt time devours,
A knowledge than grave ignorance more blind,
A vain delight our equals to command,
A style of greatness, in effect a dream.
A swelling thought of holding sea and land,
A servile lot, decked with a pompous name,
Are the strange ends we toll for here below
Till wretched death make us our errors know.
—William Drummond.

JOHN ADAMS' WIFE.

▲ Letter From Abigail Adams—The Vice President's Function.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 6, 1797.

Dear Sir—I received your letter of Nov. 24 by the post of yesterday. With respect to the notes you write me about, I wish you to do by them as you would by your own, as I do not want at present either principle or interest. I think it would be most for my interest to do by them as you propose. The method you mention, of adding to the outhouse so as to give me a dairy room, I like very much and would leave it to your judgment. I think it would be best to have it large enough to take of a closet that cold victuals, etc., may not be mixt in with dairy affairs. I should be glad to have it compleated if possible before I return in the spring, but the winter has set in with great violence here, and the rivers are already frozen up, so that I fear we shall not have a chance of getting any cheese here.

Congress are but just getting into business, and the vice president is not yet arrived to sit six months together. Regulating debates, moderating warmth and reading papers is a laborious task and what, I fancy, the present V. P. does not like so well as rocking in his pivot chair or amusing himself with the vibration of a pendulum. I have never yet seen the southern man, Washington excepted, who could bear close application for any length of time. What a ringing would here have been in all the Jacobinical prayers from one end of the United States to the other if somebody else had done so!

We are all well. The cold weather has entirely put a stop to the yellow fever, and no person would now suppose that such a calamity had ever befallen the city. The synod recommended a day of fasting and prayer. The difference between this place and N. England was this: Being recommended by a body of Presbyterian ministers, none of the church clergy would join in it. Every shop in the city was open as usual, and a very small proportion of the inhabitants attended worship. Business and pleasure went on as usual.

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